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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

- X If checked, amendments to the specification and claims are submitted herewith.
- 1. If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 8, line 3; page 10, line 7; page 10, line 21; page 21, line 18; page 26, line 23; page 27, line 7; page 27, line 17; page 33, line 16 and replace such paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3.

Please add new claims 11 and 12, and amend claims 5-10 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

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